

## Advice for Teachers from Teachers

The following suggestions were obtained surveying teachers across the country about ideas to help build rapport with their students. These are a selected few.

1. Greet students at the door – everyday, preferably by name
2. Conference with students to encourage completion and/or improvement of assignments, explaining current and future implications.
3. Listen to individual complaints, modifying assignments, due dates, or grading for special circumstances when appropriate. Let the students know you care and are flexible.
4. Send home letter/postcard/email with positive message to student/parent.
5. Give each student a card and their favorite candy bar on their birthday.
6. Tell the entire class you are glad they are here and ready to learn.
7. Tell the students you truly believe they are all capable of success.
8. Give your full attention to a student as he or she talks to you; smile or nod appropriately.
9. Phone call home just or say you enjoy their student in your class.
10. Attend extracurricular activities.
11. Tutor students before/after school.
12. Learn about students' favorite professional teams.
13. Learn about their pets.
14. Smile while walking down the halls.
15. Once a week eat lunch with students.
16. Share personal information when appropriate and listen to their stories.
17. Take 2-5 minutes each morning to ask how they're doing and listen to what they have to say.
18. Have fun with them.
19. Even when a student makes a mistake, remind them that tomorrow is a new day, and greet them with a smile.
20. Teach them, "Everybody makes mistakes. That's how we learn."
21. Compliment often.
22. Allow students to help YOU in your class, after school, etc.
23. Listen to student concerns and try to help.
24. Write to students through journals.
25. Give unconditional homework passes. They can be used for an entire night off from homework for when life gets too hectic at home.